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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: K. NISHIBASHI et al  
Serial No. 10/303,024  
Filed: November 25, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2811  
Examiner: C. Nguyen  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT DEVICE

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents  
MS: Patent Application  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/303,024, filed on November 25, 2002, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee		\$ 770.00
Total Claims	15 - 20 = 0 x 18 =	0.00
Independent Claims	5 - 3 = 2 x 86 =	172.00
Total Filing Fee		\$ 942.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$942.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-11 and 14-30 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/303,024, filed November 25, 2002, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/436,500, filed November 9, 1999, now abandoned. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/442,156, filed May 21, 2003.

7. New drawings are enclosed, fourteen (14) sheets, Figs. 1-14.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

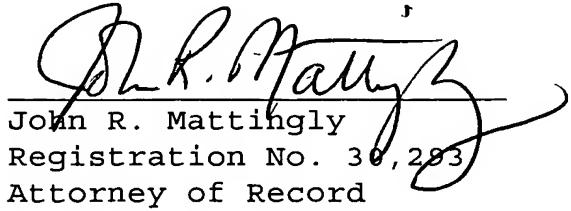
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-318694, filed November 10, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed

in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/303,024, as originally filed on November 25, 2002.



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